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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below. Please amend the  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing fiber bundles comprising:  
transporting a fiber bundle using at least one feed element;  
cutting the fiber bundle strand into partial bundles, the partial bundles having a  
length;  
releasing the partial bundles from the at least one feed element;  
gripping the partial bundles using at least one gripping element;